

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Specification

The abstract has been amended in manner suggested by the Examiner. The objection raised in accordance with MPEP § 608.01(b) is thus overcome.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

In this response, claims 4, 11, 24 and 35 have been amended in a manner which renders them both clear and distinct and which overcomes the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication that claims 1-3, 5-10, 25-27 and 28-33 are allowed is noted with appreciation. The indication that claims 11, 24 and 34 would be allowable if suitably amendment is also noted. Indeed, in light of the above mentioned amendments which overcome the '112 rejections, it is submitted that all of the non-allowed claims now stand in allowable form.

Conclusion

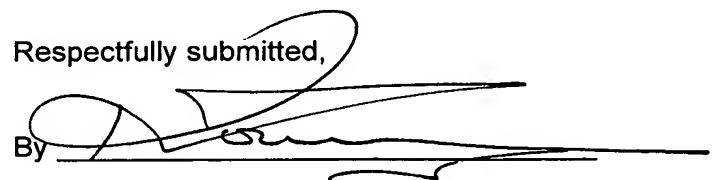
Inasmuch as all of the pending claims now stand either allowed or in allowable form, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is courteously solicited.

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